

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, as amended, and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-18, and 27-35 remain in this application.. Claim 26 has been canceled.

Rejections

Claims 26 and 27

Claims 26 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Mitschelle et al., USPN 5,777,951, in view of Marin, US Pub 2005/0068196.

Claim 26 was canceled.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 27. Claim 27 depends on allowed claim 18. Claim 27 does not depend on claim 26, as the Office action incorrectly indicated on page 3. Therefore, claim 27 should be allowable at least for the same reasons claim 18 is allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

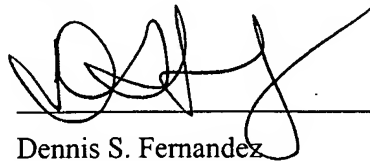
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that all claims other than 26 and 27 contain allowable subject matter. It is noted, however, that the remaining claims were numbered 1-3, 5, 7-18, and 26-35, rather than 1-32 as noted on the Office Action Summary sheet. Based on the content of the detailed rejections, it appears that the Office Action Summary simply contains a minor clerical error.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted by Applicants that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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